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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES TUC DELEGATION

1. BRITISH TUC DELEGATION HELD ORIGINALLY UNSCHEDULED ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 9 IN PRETORIA. FOLLOWING MEETING DELEGATION LEADER FEATHER MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE HAD A VERY FULL DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY ON THE QUESTION OF TRADE UNION RECOGNITION AND THE PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOGNITION OF A VOLUNTARY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

"THIS WAS NOT JUST A MATTER OF WORDS--IT WAS AT TIMES BLUNT, BUT COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES.

"THE PRIME MINISTER LEFT US IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THE POLICY AND AIMS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. I THINK THE PHRASE HE USED IN PARTICULAR WAS THAT HE WANTED TO SEE TRADE UNIONISM DEVELOPED ON AN EVOLUTIONARY (MANNER) AND BY WAY OF ORDERLY ADVANCE.

"WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF THE TIME SIDE FOR SUCH ADVANCEMENT, AND OF COURSE THE SPEED FOR SUCH ADVANCEMENT, THERE  
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WAS NO TIME PUT ON THAT.

"IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE JUDGED IN THE LIGHT  
DEVELOPMENTS."

2. WHEN PRIME MINISTER SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED THAT HE USED TERM  
"TRADE UNIONISM" DURING DISCUSSION (STATING INSTEAD THAT HE HAD  
SPOKEN OF "COLLECTIVE BARGAINING") FEATHER COMMENTED: "I SEE NO  
DIFFICULTY--THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME THING."  
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